



Docket No.: 49677-154

REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a)

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Prior Application: International Application No. PCT/JP03/00841
Art Unit: (Unassigned)
Examiner: (Unassigned)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation or continuation-in-part application, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING GLASS TUBE, under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) of pending prior International Application No. PCT/JP03/00841, filed on January 29, 2003, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING GLASS TUBE, by the following named inventor(s):

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1. ☒ I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.
2. ☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 2a. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, References and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ Cancel claims
4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	21	-20	1	\$18.00 =	\$18.00
Independent Claims	8	-3	5	\$86.00 =	\$430.00
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00					\$0.00
Total Application Fee					\$1,218.00
Subtract ½ if small entity					\$0.00
Assignment & Transmittal Fee					\$40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$1,258.00
AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 500417					\$1,258.00

- 4a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. _____ or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.
6. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
7. ☒ Priority of **Japanese** Application Serial Nos. **P2002-022444; P2002-022451; P2002-022566; P2002-028779; P2002-201861; P2002-233926** filed on **January 30, 2002, January 30, 2002, January 30, 2002, February 5, 2002, July 10, 2002, and August 9, 2002** respectively, in **Japan** and International Application No. **PCT/JP03/00841** filed **January 29, 2003** designating the U.S. is claimed under 35 USC 119, 120

and/or 365. A certified copy of the Japanese priority documents is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the published International Application (WO03/064338 A1).

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to
**Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.,
Osaka, JAPAN**

9. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

**NGB CORPORATION,
Tokyo, JAPAN**

10. ☒ Also enclosed:
1. Form PCT/RO/101 (PCT Application Request)
2. Forms PCT/IB/301,308
3. International Search Report

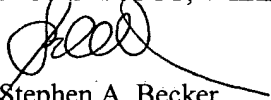
11. ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until

12. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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